

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is requiring restriction to one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-11 and 14-17, drawn to a process for producing a self-cleaning surface on a coated textile, and

Group II: Claims 12 and 13, drawn to a self-cleaning coated textile.

Applicants hereby elect the Group I claims with traverse on the grounds that no adequate reasons and/or examples have been provided to support a conclusion of patentable distinctness between the identified groups. Also, it has not been shown that a burden exists in search the claims of the two groups.

Moreover, the M.P.E.P. § 803 states as follows:

“If a search and examination of an entire application can be made without a serious burden, the Examiners must examine it on its merits even if it includes claims to distinct and independent inventions.”

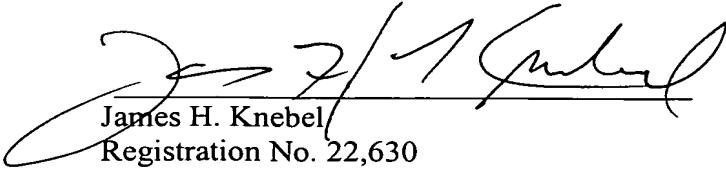
Applicants respectfully submit that a search of all of the claims would not impose a serious burden on the Office.

Accordingly, and for the reasons presented above, Applicants submit that the Office has failed to meet the burden necessary in order to sustain a Restriction Requirement. Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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